

REPORT ON OFFICER'S DUTIES IN REGARDS TO THE PRESIDENT'S MURDER

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On Friday, November 22, 1963, I was on my day off. At 1:00 PM I heard on the radio that the President had been shot. I called our office and talked to Det. T. L. Baker, and he told me to report for duty. I arrived at our office, Homicide and Robbery Bureau, at 2:00 PM. After arriving at the office, I took an affidavit from Danny Garcia Arce, w/m/18, and Jack E. Dougherty, w/m/40. Both of these men are employees of the Texas School Book Depository. I was in the process of taking an affidavit from Dougherty when the uniform officers brought in a white male they said killed Officer J. D. Tippit. I later learned that the man the officers brought in our office was Lee Harvey Oswald. Mr. Dougherty and Mr. Arce saw Oswald, and told me that he was employed at the same place they were employed, the Texas School Book Depository. It was about 2:40 PM when I finished taking affidavits from Dougherty and Arce.

Capt. Fritz told Det. B. L. Senkel and myself to go to 1026 North Beckley and search the room of Lee Harvey Oswald. Lt. E. L. Cunningham went with Det. Senkel and myself to this address. When we arrived at 1026 North Beckley, we contacted Mrs. Earlene Roberts, who is the landlady, and a Mrs. A. C. Johnson. This was at 3:00 PM, November 22, 1963. We checked the registration book for Alex Hidell or Lee Harvey Oswald, but could find neither of the names in the book.

The television was on, and they showed a picture of Lee Harvey Oswald, and Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Roberts recognized the man as one of their roomers and said he had registered as O. H. Lee. They then directed us to his room which

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is a small room just off the living room. We found that Lee Harvey Oswald had rented the room October 14, 1963, and used the name O. H. Lee.

We waited until Justice of the Peace, David L. Johnston, Det. F. M. Turner, Det. H. M. Moore, and Assistant District Attorney, Bill Alexander, arrived with the search warrant. This was about 4:30 or 5:00 PM when the above named men arrived at 1026 North Beckley. We then proceeded to search the room of Lee Harvey Oswald & O. H. Lee. We recovered a City of Dallas Map with several locations marked on it, a leather holster, pair of binoculars, numerous letters addressed to Lee Harvey Oswald, several books and personal papers (See attached list for complete list). We then brought all this property to Room 317, City Hall.

On November 23, 1963, I reported to work at 10:00 AM and worked in the office answering telephone calls. I worked in the office until 12:00 midnight.

On November 25, 1963, Det. F. M. Turner and myself took a picture of Lee Harvey Oswald, DPD #54018, to 1007 Flamingo Street in Mesquite, Texas, to the home of Ronald Fischer, w/m/24, phone number BR 9-0950. Mr. Fischer's business address is the County Auditor's office. He stated that the picture looked like the person he saw looking out of a window on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository, a few minutes before the President's motorcade arrived at Elm and Houston. He would not say definitely it was the man he saw, but he stated it looked like him.

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On November 23, 1963 at 2:15 PM Det. B. L. Senkel and I accompanied a show up, consisting of #1 John Thurman Horn, #2 David Knapp, #3 Lee Harvey Oswald, #4 Daniel Lujan, from the jail office to the show up room. I stood on the stage during the show up and could hear Det. Leavelle's voice, who was conducting the show up. I could not see Leavelle through the black screen. After the showup, Det. Senkel and I took the four above mentioned persons to the jail office elevator, and waited until they were safely on the elevator, before leaving.